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SUBJECT: VORSTER'S VIEW ON MOZAMBIQUE

1. DURING CONVERSATION, DEC. 10, MOSTLY DEVOTED TO RHODESIA TALKS (SEPTTEL), I ASKED PRIME MINISTER VORSTER ABOUT SA RELATIONS MOZAMBIQUE. VORSTER REVEALED THAT SAG HAD RECEIVED REQUEST FROM MOZAMBIQUE (CHANNEL OF REQUEST WAS UNSPECIFIED) FOR LOAN OF TWENTY LOCOMOTIVES FOR USE ON MOZAMBIQUE RAILWAYS. SAG DOING WHAT IT CAN TO COMPLY, THOUGH PM THINKS THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO MUSTER ONLY TEN OR SO.

2. VORSTER RELAYED TO ME MALAWIAN PRESIDENT BANDA'S ASSESSMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE PERSONALITIES. BANDA RECENTLY TOLD HIM THAT ALTHOUGH CHISSANO IS A DEDICATED MARXIST, HE IS AN INTELLIGENT PRAGMATIST AND GOOD ADMINISTRATOR. BANDA TRUSTS HIM. ACCORDING TO VORSTER, BANDA THINKS MACHEL FEARS TO RETURN TO MOZAMBIQUE BECAUSE HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS UNDISPUTED FRELIMO LEADER THERE. VORSTER STATED  
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THAT SAG HAD NOTED THAT DOS SANTOS HAD NOT TRAVELED WITH

MACHEL TO EASTERN EUROPE. PM'S COMMENTS INDICATED HE  
WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT BE UPSET IF DOS SANTOS' ABSENCE FROM  
EUROPEAN TRIP INDICATED A DEMOTION FOR HIM.

3. VORSTER STATED THAT HE IS PLEASED ABOUT CURRENT SAG/MOZAMBIQUE  
RELATIONS AND HOPES TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE IN  
PEACE. HE IS, HOWEVER, WARY ABOUT THE FUTURE AND  
CONCERNED THAT FRELIMO LEADERS' "RESOLUTIONARY, COMMUNISTIC  
BACKGROUND" MIGHT CAUSE THEM TO PROMOTE PROBLEMS FOR SOUTH  
AFRICA.  
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